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SUBJ: JHA FAREWELL CALL ON ASSISTANT SECRETARY SISCO

1. INDIAN AMBASSADOR L. K. JHA PAID FAREWELL CALL ON ASST SECY SISCO APRIL 10. AFTER WISHING JHA WARM BON VOYAGE ASST SECY SISCO EXPRESSED OPTIMISM ABOUT PROSPECTS FOR BETTER INDO- US RELATIONS. SAID ONE REASON WAS THAT BASIC OUTLOOK OF US AND INDIA TOWARD SOUTH ASIA SEEMED FAIRLY CLOSE. AS ASSESSMENT OF CURRENT SITUATION AND APPROACH OF THE TWO COUNTRIES HAD MUCH IN COMMON, THERE WAS LESS LIKELIHOOD THAN IN PAST OF TROUBLE OVER CON- FLICTING US- INDIAN APPROACHES TOWARD SOUTH ASIA.

2. SECOND REASON WAS THAT THIRD COUNTRY PROBLEMS SEEMED LESS LIKELY TO CREATE INDO- US FRICTIONS IN FUTURE. IN PARTICULAR HE HAD IN MIND VIETNAM WHICH HAD CAUSED
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CONSIDERABLE DIFFICULTY FOR OUR BILATERAL RELATIONS.
ASST SECY SISCO ADDED THAT THE UPCOMING SOUTH ASIA TRIP
SEEMED ESPECIALLY TIMELY IN TERMS OF THE PROCESS OF
BUILDING BETTER INDO- US RELATIONSHIP. HE AND DEPY SECY
RUSH LOOKED FORWARD TO GOOD ROUND OF DISCUSSIONS IN DELHI.
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